

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7

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At the end of title II of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 21 ____ . PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.**

2 (a) **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM.—**

3 Section 5329 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 **“§ 5329. Public transportation safety program**

6 “(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term ‘recipi-
7 ent’ means a State or local governmental authority, or any
8 other operator of a public transportation system, that re-
9 ceives financial assistance under this chapter.

10 “(b) **NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**
11 **PLAN.—**

12 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall create
13 and implement a national public transportation safe-
14 ty plan to improve the safety of all public transpor-
15 tation systems that receive funding under this chap-
16 ter.

17 “(2) **CONTENTS OF PLAN.**—The national public
18 transportation safety plan under paragraph (1) shall
19 include—

1 “(A) safety performance criteria for all
2 modes of public transportation;

3 “(B) the definition of the term ‘state of
4 good repair’ established under section 5326(b);

5 “(C) minimum safety performance stand-
6 ards for public transportation vehicles used in
7 revenue operations that—

8 “(i) do not apply to rolling stock oth-
9 erwise regulated by the Secretary or any
10 other Federal agency; and

11 “(ii) to the extent practicable, take
12 into consideration—

13 “(I) relevant recommendations of
14 the National Transportation Safety
15 Board; and

16 “(II) recommendations of, and
17 best practices standards developed by,
18 the public transportation industry;
19 and

20 “(D) a public transportation safety certifi-
21 cation training program, as described in sub-
22 section (c).

23 “(c) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CERTIFI-
24 CATION TRAINING PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
2 lish a public transportation safety certification train-
3 ing program for Federal and State employees, or
4 other designated personnel, who conduct safety au-
5 dits and examinations of public transportation sys-
6 tems and employees of public transportation agen-
7 cies directly responsible for safety oversight.

8 “(2) INTERIM PROVISIONS.—Not later than 90
9 days after the date of enactment of the Federal
10 Public Transportation Act of 2012, the Secretary
11 shall establish interim provisions for the certification
12 and training of the personnel described in paragraph
13 (1), which shall be in effect until the effective date
14 of the final rule issued by the Secretary to imple-
15 ment this subsection.

16 “(d) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY
17 PLAN.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective 1 year after the
19 effective date of a final rule issued by the Secretary
20 to carry out this subsection, each recipient shall cer-
21 tify that the recipient has established a comprehen-
22 sive agency safety plan that includes, at a min-
23 imum—

24 “(A) a requirement that the board of di-
25 rectors (or equivalent entity) of the recipient

1 approve the agency safety plan and any updates
2 to the agency safety plan;

3 “(B) methods for identifying and evalu-
4 ating safety risks throughout all elements of the
5 public transportation system of the recipient;

6 “(C) strategies to minimize the exposure of
7 the public, personnel, and property to hazards
8 and unsafe conditions;

9 “(D) a process and timeline for conducting
10 an annual review and update of the safety plan
11 of the recipient;

12 “(E) performance targets based on the
13 safety performance criteria and state of good
14 repair standards established under subpara-
15 graphs (A) and (B), respectively, of subsection
16 (b)(2);

17 “(F) assignment of an adequately trained
18 safety officer who reports directly to the general
19 manager, president, or equivalent officer of the
20 recipient; and

21 “(G) a comprehensive staff training pro-
22 gram for the operations personnel and per-
23 sonnel directly responsible for safety of the re-
24 cipient that includes—

1 “(i) the completion of a safety train-
2 ing program; and

3 “(ii) continuing safety education and
4 training.

5 “(2) INTERIM AGENCY SAFETY PLAN.—A sys-
6 tem safety plan developed pursuant to part 659 of
7 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on
8 the date of enactment of the Federal Public Trans-
9 portation Act of 2012, shall remain in effect until
10 such time as this subsection takes effect.

11 “(e) STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT PROGRAM.—

12 “(1) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection applies
13 only to eligible States.

14 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
15 ‘eligible State’ means a State that has—

16 “(A) a rail fixed guideway public transpor-
17 tation system within the jurisdiction of the
18 State that is not subject to regulation by the
19 Federal Railroad Administration; or

20 “(B) a rail fixed guideway public transpor-
21 tation system in the engineering or construction
22 phase of development within the jurisdiction of
23 the State that will not be subject to regulation
24 by the Federal Railroad Administration.

1 “(3) IN GENERAL.—In order to obligate funds
2 apportioned under section 5338 to carry out this
3 chapter, effective 3 years after the date on which a
4 final rule under this subsection becomes effective, an
5 eligible State shall have in effect a State safety over-
6 sight program approved by the Secretary under
7 which the State—

8 “(A) assumes responsibility for overseeing
9 rail fixed guideway public transportation safety;

10 “(B) adopts and enforces Federal law on
11 rail fixed guideway public transportation safety;

12 “(C) establishes a State safety oversight
13 agency;

14 “(D) determines, in consultation with the
15 Secretary, an appropriate staffing level for the
16 State safety oversight agency that is commensu-
17 rate with the number, size, and complexity of
18 the rail fixed guideway public transportation
19 systems in the eligible State;

20 “(E) requires that employees and other
21 designated personnel of the eligible State safety
22 oversight agency who are responsible for rail
23 fixed guideway public transportation safety
24 oversight are qualified to perform such func-
25 tions through appropriate training, including

1 successful completion of the public transpor-
2 tation safety certification training program es-
3 tablished under subsection (c); and

4 “(F) prohibits any public transportation
5 agency from providing funds to the State safety
6 oversight agency or an entity designated by the
7 eligible State as the State safety oversight
8 agency under paragraph (4).

9 “(4) STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT AGENCY.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State safety
11 oversight program shall establish a State safety
12 oversight agency that—

13 “(i) is an independent legal entity re-
14 sponsible for the safety of rail fixed guide-
15 way public transportation systems;

16 “(ii) is financially and legally inde-
17 pendent from any public transportation en-
18 tity that the State safety oversight agency
19 oversees;

20 “(iii) does not fund, promote, or pro-
21 vide public transportation services;

22 “(iv) does not employ any individual
23 who is also responsible for the administra-
24 tion of public transportation programs;

1 “(v) has the authority to review, ap-
2 prove, oversee, and enforce the implemen-
3 tation by the rail fixed guideway public
4 transportation agency of the public trans-
5 portation agency safety plan required
6 under subsection (d);

7 “(vi) has investigative and enforce-
8 ment authority with respect to the safety
9 of rail fixed guideway public transportation
10 systems of the eligible State;

11 “(vii) audits, at least once triennially,
12 the compliance of the rail fixed guideway
13 public transportation systems in the eligi-
14 ble State subject to this subsection with
15 the public transportation agency safety
16 plan required under subsection (d); and

17 “(viii) provides, at least once annu-
18 ally, a status report on the safety of the
19 rail fixed guideway public transportation
20 systems the State safety oversight agency
21 oversees to—

22 “(I) the Federal Transit Admin-
23 istration;

24 “(II) the Governor of the eligible
25 State; and

1 “(III) the board of directors, or
2 equivalent entity, of any rail fixed
3 guideway public transportation system
4 that the State safety oversight agency
5 oversees.

6 “(B) WAIVER.—At the request of an eligi-
7 ble State, the Secretary may waive clauses (i)
8 and (iii) of subparagraph (A) for eligible States
9 with 1 or more rail fixed guideway systems in
10 revenue operations, design, or construction,
11 that—

12 “(i) have fewer than 1,000,000 com-
13 bined actual and projected rail fixed guide-
14 way revenue miles per year; or

15 “(ii) provide fewer than 10,000,000
16 combined actual and projected unlinked
17 passenger trips per year.

18 “(5) ENFORCEMENT.—Each State safety over-
19 sight agency shall have the authority to request that
20 the Secretary take enforcement actions available
21 under subsection (g) against a rail fixed guideway
22 public transportation system that is not in compli-
23 ance with Federal safety laws.

24 “(6) PROGRAMS FOR MULTI-STATE RAIL FIXED
25 GUIDEWAY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.—An

1 eligible State that has within the jurisdiction of the
2 eligible State a rail fixed guideway public transpor-
3 tation system that operates in more than 1 eligible
4 State shall—

5 “(A) jointly with all other eligible States in
6 which the rail fixed guideway public transpor-
7 tation system operates, ensure uniform safety
8 standards and enforcement procedures that
9 shall be in compliance with this section, and es-
10 tablish and implement a State safety oversight
11 program approved by the Secretary; or

12 “(B) jointly with all other eligible States in
13 which the rail fixed guideway public transpor-
14 tation system operates, designate an entity hav-
15 ing characteristics consistent with the charac-
16 teristics described in paragraph (3) to carry out
17 the State safety oversight program approved by
18 the Secretary.

19 “(7) GRANTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
21 make a grant to an eligible State to develop or
22 carry out a State safety oversight program, if
23 the eligible State submits—

24 “(i) a proposal for the establishment
25 of a State safety oversight program to the

1 Secretary for review and written approval
2 before implementing a State safety over-
3 sight program; and

4 “(ii) any amendment to the State
5 safety oversight program of the eligible
6 State to the Secretary for review not later
7 than 60 days before the effective date of
8 the amendment.

9 “(B) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
11 shall transmit written approval to an eligi-
12 ble State that submits a State safety over-
13 sight program, if the Secretary determines
14 the State safety oversight program meets
15 the requirements of this subsection and the
16 State safety oversight program is adequate
17 to promote the purposes of this section.

18 “(ii) AMENDMENT.—The Secretary
19 shall transmit to an eligible State that sub-
20 mits an amendment under subparagraph
21 (A)(ii) a written determination with re-
22 spect to the amendment.

23 “(iii) NO WRITTEN DECISION.—If an
24 eligible State does not receive a written de-
25 cision from the Secretary with respect to

1 an amendment submitted under subpara-
2 graph (A)(ii) before the end of the 60-day
3 period beginning on the date on which the
4 eligible State submits the amendment, the
5 amendment shall be deemed to be ap-
6 proved.

7 “(iv) DISAPPROVAL.—If the Secretary
8 determines that a State safety oversight
9 program does not meet the requirements of
10 this subsection, the Secretary shall trans-
11 mit to the eligible State a written expla-
12 nation and allow the eligible State to mod-
13 ify and resubmit the State safety oversight
14 program for approval.

15 “(C) GOVERNMENT SHARE.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Government
17 share of the reasonable cost of a State
18 safety oversight program developed or car-
19 ried out using a grant under this para-
20 graph shall be 80 percent.

21 “(ii) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any
22 calculation of the non-Government share of
23 a State safety oversight program shall in-
24 clude in-kind contributions by an eligible
25 State.

1 “(iii) NON-GOVERNMENT SHARE.—

2 The non-Government share of the cost of
3 a State safety oversight program developed
4 or carried out using a grant under this
5 paragraph may not be met by—

6 “(I) any Federal funds;

7 “(II) any funds received from a
8 public transportation agency; or

9 “(III) any revenues earned by a
10 public transportation agency.

11 “(iv) SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM.—

12 The Secretary may reimburse an eligible
13 State or a recipient for the full costs of
14 participation in the public transportation
15 safety certification training program estab-
16 lished under subsection (c) by an employee
17 of a State safety oversight agency or a re-
18 cipient who is directly responsible for safe-
19 ty oversight.

20 “(8) CONTINUAL EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—

21 The Secretary shall continually evaluate the imple-
22 mentation of a State safety oversight program by a
23 State safety oversight agency, on the basis of—

1 “(A) reports submitted by the State safety
2 oversight agency under paragraph (4)(A)(viii);
3 and

4 “(B) audits carried out by the Secretary.

5 “(9) INADEQUATE PROGRAM.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds
7 that a State safety oversight program approved
8 by the Secretary is not being carried out in ac-
9 cordance with this section or has become inad-
10 equate to ensure the enforcement of Federal
11 safety regulations, the Secretary shall—

12 “(i) transmit to the eligible State a
13 written explanation of the reason the pro-
14 gram has become inadequate and inform
15 the State of the intention to withhold
16 funds, including the amount of funds pro-
17 posed to be withheld under this section, or
18 withdraw approval of the State safety over-
19 sight program; and

20 “(ii) allow the eligible State a reason-
21 able period of time to modify the State
22 safety oversight program or implementa-
23 tion of the program and submit an up-
24 dated proposal for the State safety over-

1 sight program to the Secretary for ap-
2 proval.

3 “(B) FAILURE TO CORRECT.—If the Sec-
4 retary determines that a modification by an eli-
5 gible State of the State safety oversight pro-
6 gram is not sufficient to ensure the enforcement
7 of Federal safety regulations, the Secretary
8 may—

9 “(i) withhold funds available under
10 this section in an amount determined by
11 the Secretary; or

12 “(ii) provide written notice of with-
13 drawal of State safety oversight program
14 approval.

15 “(C) TEMPORARY OVERSIGHT.—In the
16 event the Secretary takes action under subpara-
17 graph (B)(ii), the Secretary shall provide over-
18 sight of the rail fixed guideway systems in an
19 eligible State until the State submits a State
20 safety oversight program approved by the Sec-
21 retary.

22 “(D) RESTORATION.—

23 “(i) CORRECTION.—The eligible State
24 shall address any inadequacy to the satis-
25 faction of the Secretary prior to the Sec-

1 retary restoring funds withheld under this
2 paragraph.

3 “(ii) AVAILABILITY AND REALLOCA-
4 TION.—Any funds withheld under this
5 paragraph shall remain available for res-
6 toration to the eligible State until the end
7 of the first fiscal year after the fiscal year
8 in which the funds were withheld, after
9 which time the funds shall be available to
10 the Secretary for allocation to other eligi-
11 ble States under this section.

12 “(10) FEDERAL OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary
13 shall—

14 “(A) oversee the implementation of each
15 State safety oversight program under this sub-
16 section;

17 “(B) audit the operations of each State
18 safety oversight agency at least once triennially;
19 and

20 “(C) issue rules to carry out this sub-
21 section.

22 “(f) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out
23 this section, the Secretary may—

24 “(1) conduct inspections, investigations, audits,
25 examinations, and testing of the equipment, facili-

1 ties, rolling stock, and operations of the public
2 transportation system of a recipient;

3 “(2) make reports and issue directives with re-
4 spect to the safety of the public transportation sys-
5 tem of a recipient;

6 “(3) in conjunction with an accident investiga-
7 tion or an investigation into a pattern or practice of
8 conduct that negatively affects public safety, issue a
9 subpoena to, and take the deposition of, any em-
10 ployee of a recipient or a State safety oversight
11 agency, if—

12 “(A) before the issuance of the subpoena,
13 the Secretary requests a determination by the
14 Attorney General of the United States as to
15 whether the subpoena will interfere with an on-
16 going criminal investigation; and

17 “(B) the Attorney General—

18 “(i) determines that the subpoena will
19 not interfere with an ongoing criminal in-
20 vestigation; or

21 “(ii) fails to make a determination
22 under clause (i) before the date that is 30
23 days after the date on which the Secretary
24 makes a request under subparagraph (A);

1 “(4) require the production of documents by,
2 and prescribe recordkeeping and reporting require-
3 ments for, a recipient or a State safety oversight
4 agency;

5 “(5) investigate public transportation accidents
6 and incidents and provide guidance to recipients re-
7 garding prevention of accidents and incidents;

8 “(6) at reasonable times and in a reasonable
9 manner, enter and inspect equipment, facilities, roll-
10 ing stock, operations, and relevant records of the
11 public transportation system of a recipient; and

12 “(7) issue rules to carry out this section.

13 “(g) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—

14 “(1) TYPES OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—The
15 Secretary may take enforcement action against a re-
16 cipient that does not comply with Federal law with
17 respect to the safety of the public transportation
18 system, including—

19 “(A) issuing directives;

20 “(B) requiring more frequent oversight of
21 the recipient by a State safety oversight agency
22 or the Secretary;

23 “(C) imposing more frequent reporting re-
24 quirements;

1 “(D) requiring that any Federal financial
2 assistance provided under this chapter be spent
3 on correcting safety deficiencies identified by
4 the Secretary or the State safety oversight
5 agency before such funds are spent on other
6 projects;

7 “(E) subject to paragraph (2), withholding
8 Federal financial assistance, in an amount to be
9 determined by the Secretary, from the recipient,
10 until such time as the recipient comes into com-
11 pliance with this section; and

12 “(F) subject to paragraph (3), imposing a
13 civil penalty, in an amount to be determined by
14 the Secretary.

15 “(2) USE OR WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
17 quire the use of funds in accordance with para-
18 graph (1)(D), or withhold funds under para-
19 graph (1)(E), only if the Secretary finds that a
20 recipient is engaged in a pattern or practice of
21 serious safety violations or has otherwise re-
22 fused to comply with Federal law relating to the
23 safety of the public transportation system.

1 “(B) NOTICE.—Before withholding funds
2 from a recipient under paragraph (1)(E), the
3 Secretary shall provide to the recipient—

4 “(i) written notice of a violation and
5 the amount proposed to be withheld; and

6 “(ii) a reasonable period of time with-
7 in which the recipient may address the vio-
8 lation or propose and initiate an alter-
9 native means of compliance that the Sec-
10 retary determines is acceptable.

11 “(C) FAILURE TO ADDRESS.—If the recipi-
12 ent does not address the violation or propose an
13 alternative means of compliance that the Sec-
14 retary determines is acceptable within the pe-
15 riod of time specified in the written notice, the
16 Secretary may withhold funds under paragraph
17 (1)(E).

18 “(D) RESTORATION.—

19 “(i) CORRECTION.—The recipient
20 shall address any violation to the satisfac-
21 tion of the Secretary prior to the Secretary
22 restoring funds withheld under paragraph
23 (1)(E).

24 “(ii) AVAILABILITY AND REALLOCA-
25 TION.—Any funds withheld under para-

graph (1)(E) shall remain available for restoration to the recipient until the end of the first fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the funds were withheld, after which time the funds shall be available to the Secretary for allocation to other eligible recipients.

“(E) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 days before taking any action under subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives of such action.

“(3) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may impose a civil penalty under paragraph (1)(F) only if—

“(I) the Secretary has exhausted the enforcement actions available under subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (1); and

“(II) the recipient continues to be in violation of Federal safety law.

1 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary
2 may waive the requirement under clause
3 (i)(I) if the Secretary determines that such
4 a waiver is in the public interest.

5 “(B) NOTICE.—Before imposing a civil
6 penalty on a recipient under paragraph (1)(F),
7 the Secretary shall provide to the recipient—

8 “(i) written notice of any violation
9 and the penalty proposed to be imposed;
10 and

11 “(ii) a reasonable period of time with-
12 in which the recipient may address the vio-
13 lation or propose and initiate an alter-
14 native means of compliance that the Sec-
15 retary determines is acceptable.

16 “(C) FAILURE TO ADDRESS.—If the recipi-
17 ent does not address the violation or propose an
18 alternative means of compliance that the Sec-
19 retary determines is acceptable within the pe-
20 riod of time specified in the written notice, the
21 Secretary may impose a civil penalty under
22 paragraph (1)(F).

23 “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3
24 days before taking any action under subpara-
25 graph (C), the Secretary shall notify the Com-

1 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
2 of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
3 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives of such action.

5 “(E) DEPOSIT OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—Any
6 amounts collected by the Secretary under this
7 paragraph shall be deposited into the Mass
8 Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund.

9 “(4) ENFORCEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GEN-
10 ERAL.—At the request of the Secretary, the Attor-
11 ney General may bring a civil action—

12 “(A) for appropriate injunctive relief to en-
13 sure compliance with this section;

14 “(B) to collect a civil penalty imposed
15 under paragraph (1)(F); and

16 “(C) to enforce a subpoena, request for ad-
17 missions, request for production of documents
18 or other tangible things, or request for testi-
19 mony by deposition issued by the Secretary
20 under this section.

21 “(h) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—

22 “(1) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—In carrying out
23 this section, the Secretary shall take into consider-
24 ation the costs and benefits of each action the Sec-
25 retary proposes to take under this section.

1 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the
2 requirement under this subsection if the Secretary
3 determines that such a waiver is in the public inter-
4 est.

5 “(i) CONSULTATION BY THE SECRETARY OF HOME-
6 LAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
7 shall consult with the Secretary of Transportation before
8 the Secretary of Homeland Security issues a rule or order
9 that the Secretary of Transportation determines affects
10 the safety of public transportation design, construction, or
11 operations.

12 “(j) PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.—

13 “(1) NATIONAL UNIFORMITY OF REGULA-
14 TION.—Laws, regulations, and orders related to pub-
15 lic transportation safety shall be nationally uniform
16 to the extent practicable.

17 “(2) IN GENERAL.—A State may adopt or con-
18 tinue in force a law, regulation, or order related to
19 the safety of public transportation until the Sec-
20 retary issues a rule or order covering the subject
21 matter of the State requirement.

22 “(3) MORE STRINGENT LAW.—A State may
23 adopt or continue in force a law, regulation, or order
24 related to the safety of public transportation that is
25 consistent with, in addition to, or more stringent

1 than a regulation or order of the Secretary if the
2 Secretary determines that the law, regulation, or
3 order—

4 “(A) has a safety benefit;

5 “(B) is not incompatible with a law, regu-
6 lation, or order, or the terms and conditions of
7 a financial assistance agreement of the United
8 States Government; and

9 “(C) does not unreasonably burden inter-
10 state commerce.

11 “(4) ACTIONS UNDER STATE LAW.—

12 “(A) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
13 in this section shall be construed to preempt an
14 action under State law seeking damages for
15 personal injury, death, or property damage al-
16 leging that a party has failed to comply with—

17 “(i) a Federal standard of care estab-
18 lished by a regulation or order issued by
19 the Secretary under this section;

20 “(ii) its own program, rule, or stand-
21 ard that it created pursuant to a rule or
22 order issued by the Secretary; or

23 “(iii) a State law, regulation, or order
24 that is not incompatible with paragraph
25 (2).

1 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This paragraph
2 shall apply to any cause of action under State
3 law arising from an event or activity occurring
4 on or after the date of enactment of the Fed-
5 eral Public Transportation Act of 2012.

6 “(5) JURISDICTION.—Nothing in this section
7 shall be construed to create a cause of action under
8 Federal law on behalf of an injured party or confer
9 Federal question jurisdiction for a State law cause
10 of action.

11 “(k) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit
12 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
13 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives an an-
15 nual report that—

16 “(1) analyzes public transportation safety
17 trends among the States and documents the most ef-
18 fective safety programs implemented using grants
19 under this section; and

20 “(2) describes the effect on public transpor-
21 tation safety of activities carried out using grants
22 under this section.”.

23 (b) BUS SAFETY STUDY.—

24 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
25 “highway route” means a route where 50 percent or

1 more of the route is on roads having a speed limit
2 of more than 45 miles per hour.

3 (2) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Transportation shall submit to the Committee on
6 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
7 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
8 structure of the House of Representatives a report
9 that—

10 (A) examines the safety of public transpor-
11 tation buses that travel on highway routes;

12 (B) examines laws and regulations that
13 apply to commercial over-the-road buses; and

14 (C) makes recommendations as to whether
15 additional safety measures should be required
16 for public transportation buses that travel on
17 highway routes.



